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LETTER DATED 15 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 806 (1993) of 5 February 1993, by which the Council extended the terms of reference of the Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) to include the capacity to take action to prevent or redress:

(a) Small-scale violations of the DMZ;

(b) Violations of the boundary between Iraq and Kuwait, for example by civilians or police; and

(c) Problems that might arise from the presence of Iraqi installations and Iraqi citizens and their assets in the DMZ on the Kuwaiti side of the newly demarcated boundary.

In the same resolution the Council requested me to plan and execute a phased deployment of three mechanized infantry battalions in order to carry out these tasks and to report to the Council on any step I intend to take in that regard.

As the Council is aware, in spite of the considerable effort made, it has not been possible for some time to identify a member State which was in position to provide a suitably equipped mechanized infantry battalion. Recently, Bangladesh, which already has contributed military observers to the Mission, has offered to provide an infantry battalion. Kuwait, on its part, has agreed to make the requisite equipment available. Kuwait has also undertaken to build the two camps for the infantry battalion.

Accordingly, I intend to accept the offer of Bangladesh and to expedite, in consultation with the two Governments, the deployment of the first elements of the contingent as soon as the facilities for accommodation and ordnance are ready.

I should be grateful to you if you could bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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